Box 154 Sep-Nov 1888

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

November 3rd, 1888.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox, Supt. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Answering yours of this date I have to say that my bid of Oct. 25th. 1888 for delivering to the Mint all bronze one cent coin blanks which might be needed within a year not exceeding a total of 350.000 lbs. may be construed to mean that the blanks shall be annealed as well as milled and cleaned. Your letter accepting that bid may therefore stipulate that the blanks are to be delivered annealed cleaned and milled at my bidding price of thirty four and nine tenths cents per pound.

The apparent inconsistency which you tell me is remarked by the Director in my first objecting to deliver 100.000 lbs. of nickel-copper blanks at 42 1/10 cents per pound under a contract which was about to expire, and afterwards consenting to deliver 150.000 lbs. is thus explained

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Secondly. I thought it not accordant with the true intention of my contract to deliver nickel copper blanks as needed through one year, that the Mint should just at the close of the year, when copper had greatly advanced in price, order a large quantity of those blanks for delivery through the year succeeding that during which my contract held good

Thirdly. The Parish Co. objected to making such deliveries at the old price, and I wrote to you offering as a sort of compromise to deliver 50 000 lbs. ~~instead of 100 000 lbs.~~ at the old price, instead of the 100 000 lbs. you had ordered

Fourthly. When your letter arrived upon that and ordering

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50 000 lbs. was received I submitted the whole question to the Scovill Co., the result of that submission and of my subsequent conversation with them being that I agreed to fill both of your above named orders, insufficient as the price is

I have now your verbal declaration that the 150.000 lbs. are to be delivered as offered, and have only to add that it would be unfortunate if my thus yielding to the interest of the Mint (in a manner which should not be held as a precedent) were to be regarded as something to my disadvantage

Yours truly

Joseph Wharton

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Nov. 3d, 1888.

Joseph Wharton,

~~Superintendent~~.

SUBJECT:

Bid of Oct. 25. 1888. for delivery of Bronze 1¢ Coin blanks may be construed to mean that blanks shall be annealed as well as rolled & cleaned.

Explains reasons for objecting to deliver 100.000 lbs of Nickel Copper blanks at 42 1/10 ¢ per lb. under Contract about to expire. and afterwards consenting to deliver 150.000 lbs.

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